IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. AUS920030046US1 In re Application of: § Examiner: Tran, Vincent Huy Matthew S. Cronk et al. Serial No.: 10/646,447 Confirmation No.: 9513 80 80 80 80 Filed: 8/22/2003 Art Unit: 2115 For: Method and Apparatus for Starting Up and Maintaining of Multiple § Networked Computing Systems š

AMENDMENT A UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated December 27, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire March 27, 2007.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: